

USAG MANNHEIM COMMUNITY RECYCLING GUIDE

RECYCLING OVERVIEW		SPECIAL WASTES	
<p>In Germany, greater emphasis is placed on recycling than most of us are used to in the U.S. Law in Germany requires recycling and the U.S. Government has agreed that its forces in Germany will participate in recycling programs. It may take a little more effort on everyone's part, but recycling is good for the environment, it's the right thing to do and it can really help cut our trash disposal costs. The BSB spends about \$2.5 million yearly on trash disposal. We are confident that up to \$10 million of this could be saved if everyone did his or her part in properly recycling.</p> <p>We have tried hard to provide quality housing and the facilities necessary for our BSB housing residents to recycle. The refuse/recycling containers are color-coded and conveniently located. It is the responsibility of all residents to recycle their waste properly. Those individuals who thoughtlessly fail to recycle, park in front of the trash containers or leave refuse near trash dumpsters will be dealt with as appropriate (including possible eviction from BSB housing).</p> <p>Our Recycling Program is called SORT, for <u>Separate Or Recycle Trash</u>. Our SORT Center is located at Taylor Bks, 405b. If you are PCSing, please use the SORT Center for unwanted wastes. Also, while we do offer curbside pickup for large/bulky items, we encourage you to transport these items to our SORT Center, as old furniture, mattresses, etc. left on the curb look ugly.</p> <p>The SORT Center can be reached by calling 381-SORT. Or call our Envmtl. Office at 381-7029/8675.</p>		<p>PAPER WASTE</p> <p>Nearly all forms of clean paper and cardboard belong in this waste group as it gets reprocessed into newsprint or other usable materials. Examples of what should go in the green paper containers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspapers/Magazines • Catalogs • Paperback Books • Cardboard • Telephone Books • Packing Paper • Office Paper • Envelopes (no padded envelopes) • Shredded Paper • Paper Bags • Cigarette Cartons • Cereal Boxes (only the paper portion) • Laundry Detergent Boxes <p>REFUSE</p> <p>Waste that cannot be recycled or does not require special handling. It is often stinky, smelly or greasy. There are gray colored containers located throughout the BSB for this waste group. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aluminum Foil and Plastic Wrapping Polystyrene (i.e. packing "peanuts" or packing from a new stereo/TV) • Bubble Wrap/Plastic Packaging • Yogurt Cups • Inner Wrapping from Cereal Boxes • Shampoo/Conditioner Containers • Plastic Floor/Kitchen/Bathroom Cleaning Containers • Fabric Softener Bottles • Household type plastics • Food and Drink Container Lids <p>Please do not dispose any kind of scrap metal, PVC pipes and hoses, old stereo records, computer disks, CDs and large commercial type of plastic items (e.g. boxes/containers/toys/garden furniture trash cans etc.) via yellow bag waste.</p> <p>Please use the SORT Center to dispose recyclable material that may not be disposed via yellow bag waste.</p>	
<p>YELLOW BAG WASTE</p> <p>In general, all food packages, containers and wrappers made of plastic, metal or composites (mixes of plastic/paper/aluminum such as Tetra Packs) belong in this waste group. <u>Containers should be empty</u>. There are many yellow colored containers located throughout the BSB for this waste. The only thing that should be going into the yellow bag containers is yellow bags containing yellow bag type waste. The yellow bags are available free of charge from the SORT Center, Commissary Courtesy Desk and the DPW Self Help Store. Examples of what should go in the yellow containers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk Cartons • Composite Beverage Containers • Soda Cans and Tin Cans • Plastic Food or Drink Containers • Empty Toothpaste Tubes • Plastic Shopping Bags • Potato Chip Bags • Aluminum Foil and Plastic Wrapping Polystyrene (i.e. packing "peanuts" or packing from a new stereo/TV) • Bubble Wrap/Plastic Packaging • Yogurt Cups • Inner Wrapping from Cereal Boxes • Shampoo/Conditioner Containers • Plastic Floor/Kitchen/Bathroom Cleaning Containers • Fabric Softener Bottles • Household type plastics • Food and Drink Container Lids 		<p>MILITARY PROPERTY (EXCEPT BATTERIES)</p> <p>GOVERNMENT HAND-RECEIPT PROPERTY</p> <p>INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OR WASTE</p> <p>LARGE QUANTITIES OR TRUCKLOADS OF MATERIALS OR BULK REFUSE.</p> <p>PLEASE ASK SORT POC'S FOR ASSISTANCE</p> <p>GLASS</p> <p>There are white, green or brown colored "Igloos" (containers) located around the BSB for Glass. Some of the locations they can be found are near all DCA clubs, the Commissary and near the BFV Dispensary. Before putting your Glass into the matching colored container, please remove screw tops, corks and lids. Also, please do not put ceramics, mirrors or china in the Glass containers. Examples of what should go in the Glass containers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beer/Wine/Spirits/Soda Bottles • Glass Food Jars, Drinking Glasses 	
<p>Persons living off-post (USAREUR command sponsored/non-command sponsored) are instructed to dispose of their solid waste through their local municipal solid waste programs. Exemptions to use the local municipal solid waste programs (e.g. household hazardous waste) Assistance will be provided to off-post personnel for proper handling of hard-to-dispose items and major questions regarding municipal solid waste programs through the recycling POCs.</p>		<p>Recycling Program POCs are wolfgang.ziegler1@us.army.mil or dl293dbsdpwendt@cmnymail.26asg.army.mil Helpdesk for trash, bulk refuse and recycling questions for persons living off-post within the Mannheim Community: 0621-2938373 or 2938374. Mon-Thu 0800-1700, Fri 0900-1200. Web page: http://www.mannheim.de/ search (suchen) for "Abfallberatung"</p> <p>DOC January 2006</p>	